

PTO/SB/21 (08-03)

Approved for use through 08/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/634,334
	Filing Date	August 4, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Halliday
	Art Unit	1712
	Examiner Name	Tucker
	Attorney Docket Number	154-23110-US-CIP
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	3	

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)...	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC).....
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	1. PTO/SB/08A - 1 Reference cited.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	<b>Remarks</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (154-23110-US-CIP), maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C. d/b/a The Morris Law Firm, P.C.	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Paula D. Morris, Reg. No. 31,516
Signature	<i>Paula D. Morris</i>
Date	1-18-05

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.	
<b>FACSIMILE No.: (703) 872-9306 (GENERAL)</b>	
Typed or printed name	Linda Sengvong
Signature	<i>Linda Sengvong</i>
Date	1-18-2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Halliday § Group Art Unit: 1712  
Serial No.: 10/634,334 § Examiner: Tucker  
Filed: 8-04-2003 § Atty. Docket No.: 154-23110-US-CIP

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
JAN 18 2005

Title: Water-based Drilling Fluids Using Latex Additives

## MAIL STOP NON FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

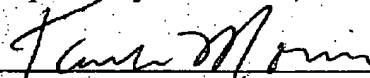
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the reference listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the date of filing this statement, 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(1).

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be considered as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 exists.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (154-23110-US-CIP), maintained by Baker Hughes Incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula D. Morris, Registration No. 31,516  
Paula D. Morris & Associates, PC  
10260 Westheimer, Suite 360  
Houston, Texas 77042-3110  
Telephone: (713) 334-5151  
Facsimile: (713) 334-5157

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number:	10/834,334
Filing Date	8-04-2003
First Named Inventor	Halliday
Art Unit	1712
Examiner Name	Tucker
Attorney Docket Number	154-23110-US-CIP

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.